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TO: Minister of Social Development: Honorable Lindiwe Zulu

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CC: CEO of SASSA - Busisiwe Memela - Khambula

(Requested the Minister to Forward the email)

FIRST AND FINAL URGENT LETTER OF DEMAND: REQUEST FOR SASSA AND THE DEPARTMENT TO SETTLE UNPAID AMOUNTS TO UNEMPLOYED "COVID19 SRD"

Dear Honorable Minister Lindiwe Zulu

- 1. The above matter refers
- We Hola Bon Renaissance Foundation act on behalf of Unemployed South Africans and/or the beneficiaries and/or applicants of the COVID-19 Social Relief of Distress Grant
- 3. It has come to our attention that there are Unemployed South Africans who have not received their grant from the State and/or SASSA.
- 4. The State has committed to paying the unemployed an amount of R350 as grant during the lockdown and it must honor its contractual and/or relief obligation.
- 5. This Letter serves to demand that SASSA And the Department to settle unpaid amounts to unemployed South Africans
- Noting that the Minister Zulu launched the opening of the application process on Monday, 11 May 2020, All qualifying applications to receive during the test phase will be processed by 15 May 2020.
- 7. Sassa CEO Busisiwe Memela said the agency received 13-million enquiries and applications as of Monday, 25 May 2020.
- 8. Since 26 March 2020, South Africans are being on lockdown, the unemployed are experiencing poverty during these 80 days of lock down.



- 9. There is no interest payable on the relief amount
- 10. There are two categories which is S (S for some) and N (N for none) of unemployed
- 11. On Category S: The amount claimed is for the June 2020 amount
- 12. On Category N: The amount claimed is for both May 2020 and June 2020
- 13. As for rejected and/or non-qualifying beneficiaries, SASSA to provide grounds for such and indicate its feedback, furthermore indicate what measures are taken to enable for any appeal and/or clarity seeking for the beneficiary to receive the relief
- 14. Any statement issued on COVID19 SRD to beneficiaries by SASSA and Department must have an end date.
- 15. We therefore demand payment of R350-00 (three hundred and fifty rand) to the beneficiaries within 48 (fourth eight Hours) from the date of transmission hereof, failing which we shall institute legal proceedings against SASSA and the Department of Social Department for payment, including recovering the costs that we would have occasioned as a result of SASSA failure to comply with the terms of its obligation and that of the letter of demand.
- 16. Kindly effect payment into the accounts of all the beneficiaries
- 17. Kindly acknowledge receipt hereof.

Yours faithfully

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Chairperson of Hola Bon Renaissance (HBR) Foundation